



*Association of State and
Territorial Dental Directors
2018 Awards*

Outstanding Achievement Award

Christine Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA

(Nominee must be a present or past member of ASTDD who has a record of five years of membership in good standing).



Christine M. Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA has demonstrated outstanding leadership both in the State of Michigan and in various roles for ASTDD and in other national organizations. Chris currently is ASTDD Secretary, running for President-elect, serves on the Dental Public Health Resources Committee, Chronic Disease Collaborative Workgroup, and chairs the Early Childhood Committee. For 22 years, from 1988-2010, Chris worked for the Michigan Department of Community Health, Medical Services Administration, as a policy specialist for dental, oral surgery, FQHCs, Rural Health Clinics, Child and Adolescent Health Center, Local Health Departments, pharmacy, lab, diabetes outpatient education, and chiropractic services. In the summer of 2010 she became the Oral Health Program Director for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Chris worked tirelessly with others to help create and serve as the founding Chairperson of the Medicaid/CHIP State Dental Association (MSDA), where she worked closely with ASTDD on multiple projects. She has had multiple roles in the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association including President, Editor, Delegate, Trustee, and Finance Council Chair. She also has been active in the American Dental Hygienists' Association, interfacing with ASTDD as a member of the Head Start Advisory Committee and Chair of the Council on Public Health. She also serves on the Dental Quality Alliance's Measures Development and Maintenance Committee, which develops the DQA measures and oversees and provides guidance for their testing. These measures are increasingly being used by states to evaluate the quality of their Medicaid and CHIP programs. Since 2010 Chris has been an Adjunct Clinical Lecturer in the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and Lecturer in the e-learning Bachelor Degree Completion Program and Master of Science in Dental Hygiene online program, as well as Affiliated Clinical Faculty at Grand Valley State University and Capstone Advisor for multiple students. She has received a number of honors and awards, including the 2013 University of Michigan Outstanding Dental Hygiene Alumni Award. In her spare time (!), she volunteers for Mission of Mercy events in various locations.

Nominated by Bob Isman, DDS, MPH, Life Member

Distinguished Service Award

LeeAnn Hoaglin-Cooper, RDH, BS

(Nominee may be a member, associate member or non-member or organization who has made a significant contribution to ASTDD programs, initiatives, or dental public health).

Since 2008, LeeAnn has been the consultant to ASTDD's Fluorides Committee, interfacing with many state and national organizations and federal agencies. Her work has gone above and beyond just providing staff support for that Committee. She has identified and developed topics for the Committee's work while also initiating, moderating, coordinating and presenting fluoride and fluoridation related workshops, seminars, and roundtables at the National Oral Health Conference. Water fluoridation, fluoride varnish, fluorides in school-based programs, silver diamine fluoride, naturally occurring fluoride – she has covered them all. Her curiosity, enthusiasm and persistence have contributed significantly to a robust portfolio of resources for ASTDD. For several years, LeeAnn also has created unique slide shows to accompany the Fluorides Committee's annual awards, using water themed photos often specifically chosen to represent each state receiving an award.



LeeAnn worked as a public health dental hygienist for her local health district in Chelan-Douglas Health District for four years and then Snohomish County, Washington, for 27 years. She also served as a consultant to the Washington State Department of Health and as the interim dental director for a year. She found time to serve as an Affiliate Instructor in Dental Hygiene for Eastern Washington University and for the University of Washington's School of Dentistry, which includes her name in the Volunteer Honor Roll as someone who has "demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the study and practice of dentistry, and in oral health research." LeeAnn worked with the Snohomish County Dental Access Coalition, served as the chair of the Washington State Oral Health Coalition, worked with Head Start and WIC to incorporate oral health activities into their programs and help them meet their objectives, coordinated school dental screenings and surveys, and coordinated a local water fluoridation campaign in her area in the early 1990s. She was recognized in 2013 with a "Determination Award" by the Campaign for Dental Health for her efforts promoting water fluoridation nationally and in countering challenges in Washington state.

Lee Ann's commitment to the art and science of dental public health, with the goal of improving oral health for all, has been a strong theme in her professional life, consistently sustaining and informing her work. Although she tells us that her career is winding down, we know that she will continue to contribute to making her community healthier, and be a voice for oral health, wherever she goes, and we hope to continue to interest her in some special projects. LeeAnn also has "discovered" the beauty and wonder of Hawaii with her husband, so we look forward to receiving her frequent snorkeling, beach, whale and dolphin photos, as well as grandchild photos. Her bright smile and laughter always light up our days!

Submitted by Beverly Isman, RDH, MPH, ELS and Judith Feinstein, MSPH

Greg McClure President's Award
Greg McClure, DMD, MPH, MHA
(1949-2017)

I am honored to nominate Dr. Greg McClure for this year's ASTDD President's Award. In a review of previous recipients of this award over the years, all deserving and each making unique contributions to the practice of dental public health, I noticed that Greg's name was not among them. But knowing Greg as I and others did, that is not surprising, as he was a kind, humble and hard-working individual who placed his priority on seeing others, including both family and professional colleagues, succeed and grow while smiling and cheering from the crowd.

Dr. Gregory Bruce McClure passed away on November 27, 2017 in Annapolis, Maryland after a short illness. He was born on May 12, 1949 in DuBois, Pennsylvania approximately 100 miles from Pittsburgh. Upon graduating from DuBois Central Catholic in 1967, Greg attended the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with degrees in microbiology and biophysics in 1971. He later worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources but eventually became interested in dentistry and received his DMD degree from the Temple University School of Dentistry in 1987. Greg began his dental career in Binghamton, NY, where he worked until 1999. After obtaining his MBA and MPH degrees from Cornell and the University of Albany, he became the State Dental Director in Delaware and served in this capacity for 17 years. In 2016, he became the State Dental Director in Maryland, and subsequently, the ASTDD President.



In his daily work, Greg demonstrated a great love for dental public health and was highly regarded both professionally and personally by all those he met. I regret that I did not have opportunity to experience firsthand some of the work Greg was involved in over the years including support of school sealant programs, access to care through mobile dental clinics, policy and program development with his state Medicaid agency, mentorship of dental health professionals and advocacy for high-risk populations that valued his voice and leadership.

I first met Greg as a new State Dental Director in 2010 through our involvement in work through the DentaQuest Foundation. His supportive, warm and gentle confidence remained consistent throughout both our professional and personal relationships. I could always rely on Greg for a friendly face at national meetings, a passionate discussion about dental public health and a conversation after the day's work was done to discuss our families, sports or the topic of the day. In remembering his legacy, I believe that a former colleague from Delaware says it best: "Dr. McClure was not the reason I came to work for Public Health, but he is the reason I came to love it." I cannot think of a more appropriate testimony as evidence for his selection as this year's ASTDD President's award recipient.

Submitted by Jason Roush, DDS, ASTDD President

Fluoridation Special Merit Award

Ernest Newbrun, BDS, DMD, PhD, Professor Emeritus



As the dedication in ADA's 2018 *Fluoridation Facts* notes, Dr. Ernest Newbrun is a respected researcher, esteemed educator, inspiring mentor and tireless advocate for community water fluoridation.

Dr. Newbrun, Professor Emeritus at the University of California San Francisco (USCF), earned two dental degrees, the first from the University of Sydney in 1954 (BDS) and the second from Alabama in 1959 (DMD). Additionally, he earned a MS from Rochester in 1957, a PhD in biochemistry from UCSF in 1965 and a Certificate in Periodontology from USCF in 1983.

An internationally recognized expert on fluorides, oral biology, cariology and periodontology, Dr. Newbrun has served as a consultant to the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, Food and Drug Administration, American Dental Association, Dental Health Foundation (California) and Pan American Health Organization. He has served as a reviewer for 27 different journals and presented his research findings at more than 75 international conferences and many additional national and regional meetings. A prolific author, Dr. Newbrun has 116 articles indexed by PubMed spanning six decades. Additionally, he authored the textbook, *Cariology*, and was editor and authored several chapters of *Fluorides and Dental Caries*.

Over the years, Dr. Newbrun has received numerous honors including honorary degrees from the University of Lund, Sweden and the University of Sydney, Australia. In addition to serving as President of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), Dr. Newbrun received the IADR Research Award in Dental Caries, a Council's Choice Award from ADA's Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations as well as an ADA Presidential Citation. He is an Honorary Diplomat of the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) which was awarded for his outstanding contributions to dental public health.

Dr. Newbrun has worked to support community water fluoridation through research, publications, lectures, expert testimony and grassroots campaign involvement. He is the Founder of the Dental Health Foundation (California) and served on the Board of Directors and as the Chairman for many years. Recognizing his unparalleled expertise, the American Dental Association asked Dr. Newbrun to serve on its National Fluoridation Advisory Committee (and its precursor the National Advisory Committee on Fluoridation) for more than 25 years. Most recently, he was an active member of the Fluoridation Advisory Committee, Department of Health Services, in Sonoma County, California.

Some of the titles of Dr. Newbrun's presentations and articles provide insight into the many facets of his work to support fluoridation:

What Every Dentist Should Know About Fluorides

A Triumph of Quackery: Opposition to Water Fluoridation

Fluoridation, or Where Have All the Dr. Strangeloves Gone?

Fluorides in Public Health: Scientific Consensus versus Political Controversy

The Fluoridation War: A Scientific Dispute or Religious Argument?

Recent Advances in the Fluoride Legacy: Systemic Benefits of Fluoride and Fluoridation

Why We Have Not Changed Our Minds about the Safety and Efficacy of Water Fluoridation

Water Fluoridation Helpful or Harmful? A Great Milestone of the 20th Century

History of Water Fluoridation: Personal Experiences

The Fluoridation Special Merit Award is given to recognize an outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation. Dr. Newbrun's career epitomizes efforts to bring community water fluoridation to the people of California and the United States.

Submitted on behalf of the ASTDD Fluoridation and Fluorides Committee.

2018 ASTDD Awards Committee

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